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Subject: Defenders of Wildlife Comment Extension Request

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached request from Defenders of Wildlife for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to provide members of the public with a minimum of 45 days to evaluate and comment on the State of Florida's *complete* application to assume administration of the Clean Water Act Section 404 Program. As discussed in the letter, members of the public have not had access to the State of Florida's full application because permit conditions were developed during the section 7 consultation process under the Endangered Species Act. To ensure that members of the public have access to the complete application and have a meaningful opportunity to evaluate whether Florida's program can achieve the 404(b)(1) Guidelines, EPA must make the Biological Opinion and Incidental Take Statement resulting from consultation available to the public and provide the public with a minimum of 45 days to comment on the full application.

Best,

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